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REMARKS

In accordance with the forgoing, claims 1, 3 and 4 have been amended and claims 8 and 9 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 13-20 have been allowed.

I. Claim Objections

Claims 3 and 4 stand objected to because of informalities. Applicant wishes to extend his gratitude to the Examiner for courtesies received in pointing out the informalities. Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to more clearly set forth "rendering". Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 13-20 are allowed. Claim 9 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 9 and intervening claim 8, which have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Accordingly, allowance of claims 1-7 and 10-12 is respectfully requested.

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III. Conclusion

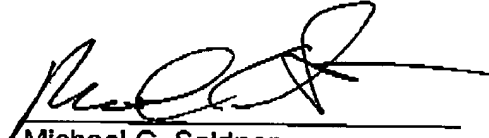
There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to attend to those matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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